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Psychiatry's crisis of credibility and the epistemic consequences of commercialized science

The dominance of the medical model and industry's influence on psychiatry has led some researchers and scholars to conclude that industry has captured psychiatry and that the field has a 'crisis of credibility'. However, psychiatry also benefits from commercialization: industry creates a climate that sustains the ontological status of psychiatric conditions. Indeed, psychiatry is unique in its need to have industry legitimize its existence as a medical subspecialty. In this presentation I show how the conceptual and normative framework of institutional corruption can help us better identify, understand, and mitigate the 'economies of influence' that have undermined the trustworthiness of organized psychiatry. Epistemic and ethical consequences are discussed.